



Mr. Michael J. Shanahan Jr.

October 23, 1931 - June 1, 2013

Mr. Michael J. Shanahan Jr., 81, formerly of 197 Montgomery Ave. Ext., passed away Saturday evening at Providence Care Center of Lenox. On the day of his passing, his room was filled with the love and support of his family as they said goodbye to their beloved Patriarch. Born in Brooklyn, NY on October 23, 1931 the son of Michael Shanahan Sr. and Mary McCarthy Shanahan, he was a 1951 graduate of St. Joseph High School. From childhood, he helped run his family's Shanahan's Inn in Lanesboro. Later, he was a delivery driver for Crescent Creamery. However, the majority of his career was spent at Wonder Bread. It was in this capacity that he made many friends on his daily routes with his quick wit and a mischievous twinkle in his eye. A family man at his core, he lived every day for his wife, children, siblings and friends. His smile will be missed by all who knew him. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Marie St. James, whom he married on November 15, 1952. She died on July 28, 2012. He is also survived by his six children, Kathy Begley of Pittsfield, Mary Canto and her husband Tom of Wilbraham, MA, Julie Ross and her husband Tim of Pittsfield, Ann Monti and her husband Al of Lenox, Michael J. Shanahan III of Hopkinton, MA and Kevin Shanahan of Pittsfield; Fourteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. He is also survived by his two sisters, Sheila Sikora and Maureen Kelly. Michael was predeceased by a brother, John Shanahan. The Shanahan family would like to acknowledge the exceptional and loving care by the staff of Providence Care of Lenox during his time there.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Michael J. Shanahan Jr., will be Thursday, June 6, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. from the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield MA with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11:30 a.m. at St. Charles Church, celebrated by the Rev. A. Peter Gregory, pastor. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home will be Wednesday, June 5, 2013 from 4 to 7 p.m. If friends desire, donations may be made to Berkshire County ARC care of the Dwyer Funeral Home in his memory. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ON THIS WEBSITE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

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“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Michael J. Shanahan Jr..*



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“ *Mike and I want to offer our condolences to the Shanahan family. We remember enjoying the company of cousin Michael and Marie and family, as well as, Aunt Mary and Uncle Mike, John, Maureen and Sheila at the Shanahan Inn, Michael was a generous, fun-loving man who was always dedicated to his family and his God. He will be missed and remembered by us all.*

Mike and Brenda Solebello and family

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